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JOB PRINTING.
Book and Job Printing of every description, neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

POLITICAL.

It is quite probable that before long we shall have the election of a new House of Assembly. In fact, we think we are not far from it. Notwithstanding this, everything goes along very quietly, in a political way. Few or no candidates for future parliamentary honors are on the tapis. All seem to keep aloof, and refrain from any attempt at courting that mysterious maiden the public, so fickle, so coy, and hard to please. One would alone have had the temerity to break the ice, but it remains to be seen if the maiden aforesaid will smile upon his endeavors. However, other suitors must soon make their appearance, and it is for those who have the best interests of the country at heart to see that they are of the right stamp to fill so important a position as that of law makers for this young colony. It is now full time that some steps were taken towards organization for providing fit and proper candidates for the ensuing contest. The possible consequences of inaction are of too momentous a character for the matter to be any longer neglected. Action must henceforth be the order of the day. The public are by this time pretty well aware of what a young country like this requires. Nor are we ignorant of what has been done or rather left undone by our representatives. We are, therefore, in a pretty fair position to make a selection of those who are to be our law-makers for the next three years.

But if we are thus master of the situation so far, we must carry matters out consistently. We must throw aside all considerations except those of getting the best men, men morally, intellectually and socially the best. We want men of experience, whom we can depend upon as not likely to sell their constituents for their private advancement; who have the ability necessary to legislate for the Colony to the best advantage; who are sufficiently above the prejudices of whatever they find good, and reject what is bad, no matter what its origin. In addition to these requisites, those who are to represent us should not be men who are likely from their social position to become more toadies and office-seekers, who care not how lavishly the public funds are squandered so long as their own private ends or those of their party are served. All these considerations should influence our electors in making the selection of members for the next Assembly.

It is all the more important, too, that we should have the best and most competent men the country affords in view of the changes that may take place in the Executive and the status of this colony in relation to that of British Columbia. It is to be hoped, therefore, that those who are in favor of good government and good laws will put their heads together and select the best instruments to accomplish these objects. The time is now short, and it will not do to be caught napping.

PROTECTION OF OUR COASTS.

The continuance of Indian outrages upon white men along our coast is sufficiently alarming to call for the most energetic measures for their suppression. Scarcely a week lately goes by without our hearing of either murder or robbery committed by red-skinned marauders. The time has come to us on foot some different kind of policy to that hitherto prevailing, or both trade and settlement must suffer severely. It is useless for us to endeavor to induce people to settle down in districts at any distance from Victoria unless we can assure them that they shall be protected in their lives and property. Nor need we expect that the trade which has lately been greatly augmented in our small coasting craft will continue to be prosecuted, with that success which we have a right to expect. The establishment of lumber mills along the coast of the Island has been anxiously desired, the development of our mineral resources, the prosecution of our fisheries, have been advocated, but to what use unless those enterprises can be carried on in safety. Now it is around Cowichan, again at Clayoquot, at Esquelt, or on the North Coast; at one time mining operations on Queen Charlotte's Island, are threatened, and again we hear of Indians becoming troublesome at the new settlement of Quatseno.

Now a step must be put to all this. The aborigines have carried a high head long enough. It is time they should know who are henceforth to be masters on this coast. If they will act the cowardly prowling wolf, philanthropy is thrown away upon them. They must be ruled by a rod of iron. It will not do, therefore, for our naval force to cease cruising around our coasts for any length of time. Their absence is sure to cause the natives to grow bolder, and more impudent. Indeed it is plain the natives of the West Coast by their own expression in reference to recent troubles would lead us to believe that they were to receive no more visits from the gunboats. We are not aware whether or not any of the vessels now on the east coast of our Island, have any instructions to visit the west coast, but if not there should be one despatched there immediately; otherwise there may be some serious difficulties between the natives and the few whites that are there.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Miss Florence Wilson,

DEGS TO INFORM HER FRIENDS

Stationery!

FANCY ARTICLES

JUST ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND,

PHOTOGRAPHIC STANDS AND ALBUMS,

LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES,

WALTON & BARNETT,

BROKERS AND LAND AGENTS,

Yates Street.

WILL ADVANCE MONEY ON APPROVED SECURITY,

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AUCTION.

Thursday, April 30,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. McCREA,

Is instructed to sell,

AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT.

—An Invoice of—

BOOTS!

Just Received from San Francisco,

AND ORDERED TO BE SOLD,

—CONSISTING OF—

Cases fine Calf Boots, with quilted soles

“ fine heavy grain Napoleon's;

“ Fremont Calf Boots, long legs;

“ Heavy Nailed Boots, double soles

“ Heavy Calf Boots, with plated

“ Men's Kip Boots;

“ Men's full-nailed Hungarian

“ Men's fine pump sole Calf Boots;

“ Men's long leg, Cavalry Boots,

“ Men's Kip Boots, nailed and steel

“ Men's Wax'd Fremont Boots;

“ Men's Calf Dress Boots. ap25

TO LET—

\$10,000.

FOR SALE—

Five Horses.

TO LET—

TWO COTTAGES.

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GLOVE AND HOSIERY

WAREHOUSE!

French Kid Gloves,

Scotch and English Hosiery,

SCARFS, HANDKERCHIEFS, TIES, ETC.

ALSO—Coats, Pants, and Vests, from the best English Makers.

N. B. The GLOVES have just been received, Overland from England. ap24

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DAILY AND WEEKLY

“British Colonist”

BOOK AND JOB

PRINTING OFFICE!

(Next Door to the Bank of British Columbia.)

Government Street!

VICTORIA, V. I.

EVERY KIND OF

PRINTING!

Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

BOOKS,

PAMPHLETS,

CIRCULARS,

RELIGIOUS,

WEDDING CARDS,

BUSINESS CARDS,

TICKETS,

HAND-BILLS,

CATALOGUES,

PROGRAMMES,

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE DAILY AND WEEKLY

BRITISH COLONIST JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT

has received instructions from E. R. Thomas,

Esq., to sell the whole of his well selected

Stock of Horses, Wagons, Harness, Drays,

etc., etc.

THIS DAY,

Saturday, 25th inst.,

At 11 o'clock, precisely.

IN FRONT OF HIS SALESROOM,

Fort street, near Wharf,

CONSISTING OF

1 Span of Black Horses, Wagon, and

2 Spans Grey do do do;

1 Grey Horse, suitable for Buggy or

Saddle;

4 Pack Horses.

—ALSO—

OTHER HORSES AND MULES.

TERMS LIBERAL, DECLARED AT

SALE.

—IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS—

IN STORE.

And must be sold without the slightest reserve

500 lbs Natural Leaf Tobacco,

EX MIERA NEVADA.

4 cases Bacon, do, do.

10 bags Hams,

1 box Eggs,

5 Firkins Isthmus Butter,

1 dozen Show Glasses.

—ALSO—

The remains of a General Storekeeper's Stock

who is leaving for

